GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – APPCB – Polluted river stretches- Appointment of Nodal Authority – Setting up of STPs for 100% treatment of sewage by 31.03.2021 in the five identified polluted rivers stretches in Andhra Pradesh viz., Godavari, Krishna, Tungabhadra, Kundu and Nagavali – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.I) DEPT.

G.O.RT.No. 56 Dated: 05-08-2020.
Read:

From the Chairman, A.P. Pollution Control Board,
Lr.No.01/APPCB/PRS/2020, Dated. 01.07.2020.

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ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Chairman, A.P. Pollution Control Board has informed that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi has identified 351 river stretches as polluted river stretches in the Country for not meeting the prescribed water quality standards. Among them, parts of five rivers viz., Godavari, Krishna, Tungabhadra, Kundu and Nagavali, had been identified as polluted river stretches in Andhra Pradesh, for exceeding the prescribed standard limit of 3 mg/lit of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D). The major reason for polluted stretches of five river stretches is due to discharge of untreated sewage in the above 5 river stretches in the towns of Rajahmahendravaram, Vijayawada, Tadepalli, Srikakulam, Kurnool and Nandyala.

2. The sewage generation from the above 6 municipalities or municipal corporations is about 456.6 MLD and existing treatment capacity is only 160.4 MLD and STPs under constructions is 54.2 MLD and STPs to be constructed is 242 MLD. Further, there is a need for construction of sewer pipelines and prevention of sewage flowing into rivers. The Municipal Administration Dept., is constructing and maintaining the STPs and the sewage lines in Municipalities/Municipal Corporations.

3. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal issued following directions vide its order dt.06.12.2019 in O.A No. 673/2018:

i. Setting up of STPs for 100% treatment of sewage shall be completed by 31.03.2021.
ii. The Chief Secretaries may set up appropriate monitoring mechanism at State level specifying accountability of nodal authorities not below the Secretary level and ensuring appropriate adverse entries in the ACRs of erring officers. Monitoring at State Level must take place on fortnightly basis and record of progress maintained. The Chief Secretaries may have an accountable person attached in his office for this purpose.

4. Government after careful examination hereby appoint Secretary, Municipal Administration &Urban Development Dept., A.P.Secretariat as Nodal Authority for setting up of STPs for 100% treatment of sewage by 31.03.2021 in the five identified polluted river stretches in Andhra Pradesh viz., Godavari, Krishna, Tungabhadra, Kundu and Nagavali in coordination with the A.P.Pollution Control Board.

5. The Secretary, Municipal Administration &Urban Development Dept., / the Chairman, A.P. Pollution Control Board shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECREARY TO GOVERNEMNT

To
The Secretary, Municipal Administration &Urban Development Dept., A.P.Secretariat.
The Chairman, APPCB, Vijayawada.

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